

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-7 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been amended.

§103 Rejection of Claims 1-7

In Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Garland (US 6,366,359; hereinafter referred to as “Garland”) in view of Inuiya et al. (US 5,905,529; hereinafter referred to as “Inuiya”). This rejection is respectfully traversed below.

Regarding claim 1, as shown above, claim 1 has been amended and calls for:

1. A digital broadcast reception device comprising:
 - reception means for receiving digital broadcasting;
 - storage means for storing picture data of digital broadcasting, received by said reception means, in terms of a frame of a picture demonstrated on a picture display device;
 - printing data creating means for acquiring the picture data stored in said storage means for preparing data for printing based on said picture data;
 - printing command input means for receiving printing commands; and
 - control means for controlling the writing operation in said storage means, wherein when said printing command input means receives a printing command to print a picture demonstrated on said picture display device, said control means causes no new picture data to be written to said storage means during the time between when said printing command input means receives said printing command and when printing is complete.

Accordingly, in one aspect of claim 1, when the printing command input means receives a printing command, the control means causes no new picture data to be written to the storage means during the time between when the printing command received the printing command and then printing is complete. Therefore, the control means causes new picture data not to be written to the storage means after the printing command input means receives the printing command until printing is complete.

Considering the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 in Section 2 of the Office Action as applied to amended claim 1, it does not appear that the arguments presented by the Examiner in rejecting claim 1 over Garland and Inuiya in Section 2 of the Office Action establish how the cited combination of Garland and Inuiya shows or suggests amended claim 1. In Section 2, the Examiner refers to Inuiya at column 18, line 65 through column 19, line 35. It appears that this passage addresses a memory controller and how that controller issues memory write signals during printing. It appears that this passage describes storing a video signal immediately after receiving a control signal for printing.¹ However, as noted above, in claim 1, the control means causes new picture data not to be written to the storage means after the printing command input means receives the printing command until printing is complete. Therefore, it appears that the portion of Inuiya referenced by the Examiner does not show the control means called for in claim 1. It does not appear that the Examiner argues that Garland addresses this aspect of claim 1. Without further explanation by the Examiner, it is submitted that the Examiner has not

¹ See Inuiya at column 19, lines 22-29 (emphasis added): "When the controller control signal is applied to the memory controller 36, the latter applies a memory write signal to a frame memory 32 so that the playback video signal that enters immediately thereafter will be written in the frame memory 32. Thus, after the print button 37 is pressed, the first appearing video signal obtained by photography at the high shutter speed is stored in the frame memory 32."

established how the cited combination of Garland and Inuiya shows or suggests this aspect of claim 1.

Accordingly, it does not appear that the Examiner has established how the cited combination of Garland and Inuiya, as referenced by the Examiner in rejecting claim 1, shows or suggests at least these aspects of amended claim 1, and so it is submitted that the Examiner has not established how the cited combination of Garland and Inuiya shows or suggests amended claim 1 as a whole. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, and it is also submitted that the Examiner has not established how the cited combination of Garland and Inuiya shows or suggests claims 2-4, through their dependence on claim 1. Similar arguments apply to claim 5, and so to claims 6-7 that depend from claim 5.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-7 are not anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the teachings of Garland and Inuiya, as presented and referenced by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-7 based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-7 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of

patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.


In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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